

Notice is hereby given that the City of Happy Valley, Oregon, at its July 15, 2014 City Council Meeting, signed Resolution 14-16 calling for an election to submit to city voters the continuation of dedicated services and increase of a local option tax for public safety. The ballot title will be as follows:

CAPTION: FIVE YEAR POLICE SERVICES LOCAL OPTION TAX

QUESTION: Shall Happy Valley levy a tax of \$1.65 per thousand for police services for 5 years starting in 2015?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: If passed, the measure would continue police and other public safety services in the City for five (5) more years, i.e., until June 30, 2020. The current levy for police services ends June 30, 2015.

The measure would increase the levy rate from \$1.38 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to \$1.65 per \$1000.00 of assessed value generating approximately \$3.1 million annually for police and related services; the expiring levy generates approximately \$2.74 million for those services.

Passage will allow for:

- Maintaining 24/7 police services
- Increasing staffing levels to two (2) sworn uniformed officers per shift
- Provide contingency fund of 10% for emergency events; and
- Fund police services without additional general fund monies

For an average property in Happy Valley (with an assessed value of \$300,000.00) the levy increases taxes for police services from \$414.00 (under the current levy) to \$495.00 under the proposed levy annually.

A no vote ends dedicated police protection within the City and results in only those services by the Sheriff available to unincorporated areas outside the Enhanced Law Enforcement District.

Any city elector dissatisfied with the ballot title may petition the Clackamas County Circuit Court seeking a different title and stating the reasons the title is insufficient, not concise, or unfair. The petition must be filed not later than August 5, 2014 pursuant to ORS 250.296.

Please direct any questions regarding this Resolution to Marylee Walden, City Recorder.

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